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sideration shown in not burying at sea a Chinese
passenger, named Ho Sau Cheung, who died
during the voyage. The action was greatly
appreciated by the Chinese, who hold their dead
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etc., etc., etc.
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DEATHS.

On the 28th July, at No. 10, Mosque Terrace, MAMA JOSEFA DE SALAZAR ALVES, the beloved wife of J. L. de Salazar Alves, of the Harbour Office, aged 54 years.

On the 28th July, 1901, at Seoul, Corea, WILLIAM DUFFON HUTCHISON, aged 45 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUEX ROAD, CL

LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 30th July, 1901

There is not much doubt that, little satisfactory as have been hitherto the results of European interference in North China, there are forces at work tending to bring about an amelioration, none the less important that they are silent. One of these forces is the Emperor himself: it seems in fact to be the growing opinion that this pretended insignificant boy—whose supersession in September, 1898, was apparently so easily managed that the very act was taken as a testimony to his unfittedness to rule—has in circumstances which would have caused any ordinary man to succumb, not only succeeded in preserving his life in the midst of a clique of any one of whom his death would have been a matter of relief, but has shown himself the possessor of so much good sense that little by little his greatest enemies have come to look to him as the one in the crowd capable of giving practical advice in the dilemma in which they had placed themselves. Doubtless in this he has been aided by circumstances over which he had no control. The attempt to govern China from so ill adapted a capital as Hsien has in the first place utterly broken down; it is true it saved the Court from the direct influence of the foreigner, but it raised other difficulties which more than counterbalanced this doubtful advantage, in the impossibility of issuing its orders carried out. The edicts having been treated with respect due to their emanation from the Imperial Government, it is true, but the Court soon discovered that, though in outward form they were obeyed, the Viceroy exercised a more than usual discretion in their carrying out. For the most part indeed, they were quietly shelved, and that in such a way that the Court found itself helpless to interfere without producing actual conflict. The Court, ignorant of the conditions of the locality, had been fondly believing that in moving to Shensi they were about to enter a land of plenty; but

here again their hopes were doomed to disappointment. They in fact only arrived to find the whole of Shensi in a state of famine, and a famine all the worse that, owing to the steps they had themselves taken in cutting off all communication, there was actually no means of relieving the distress, which instead of being helped by the expenditure of the Court was actually made worse by the failure of the local crops. This condition has this year been aggravated by the very peculiar weather of the early summer, the city and the surrounding country being deeply flooded, so that there is no reason to believe that the Court is other than anxious to get out of the doomed city. In these circumstances, the Emperor seems to have been the only one of the crowd who has preserved his commonsense, and it is now pretty well known that he has been pressing for return at once to Peking. This step, it is equally well known, has been bitterly distasteful to the Dowager Tsz'hi, who rightly sees in this measure the destruction of her own misused influence. Still, even the Dowager herself has commenced to see that it has become actually necessary to leave the city, but where to go is a difficulty she has been unable to solve. K'ai-feng has been spoken of—the more so as at various periods it has served as the capital of one or other of the petty kingdoms into which China has been at various periods divided. K'ai-feng is, however, still less adapted for a capital than Hsien. Mr. BRIAN, the last traveller who has visited it, describes it as of "the regular northern type of city, with huge clay walls of twenty miles circuit, massive battlements and bastions like an enormous factory—and inside vast empty spaces that are often under water. The streets are broad and deep either in mud or dust; the shops are mere booths with few wares in them, and there is a general air of neglect and decay about the whole place." The province of Honan is one of the poorest in China, and is in these modern days made worse by constant inundations of the Yellow River, so that even the local mandarins are generally, he tells us, housed in some dilapidated and crumbling walls. From a foreign point of view there is little to be feared from a visit of the Court to Honan. But there are other and uglier rumours about. The Court in its present state of penury demands some millions of taels for its return to Peking; and it seems incredible that the same individuals whose flight to Hsien was effected at the cost of the little money the individuals who composed it had in their pockets or could raise on charity, should need such extravagance on its return. And this raises the strangest point of all: the money is really required for defence. There is no reason now to believe that the Dowager is desirous of getting rid of the Emperor; rather, on his safety depends her last hope of a restoration to power and influence; but there are others whom in her moment of triumph she called in to share her joys who have not the same desire, and who would gladly see the last of both Dowager and Emperor. The nefarious Prince TIAN and his henchman, the barbarian TUNG FUS-SIANG, have been at the dictation of the Powers hounded from Court, and are notoriously in open rebellion. That there exists a plot to attack and kill the Emperor on his way back from K'ai-feng, there is no doubt whatever; and the Dowager, who was born in 1835, hesitates to place her precious self in jeopardy. Besides, the usual dangers of a journey through the impoverished province of Honan at the best of times are sufficient to deter any ordinary woman of her age from contemplating the journey with other than misgiving. Under present conditions with a famished people, and amid ultra-tropical heat, the journey might well frighten the healthiest. There is then no reason altogether to discredit the various rumours that have of late been prevalent, and to all appearance these rumours of the intended return of the Court have this foundation—that it is sincerely desired by the Emperor, and is not actively opposed by the Dowager, who has, there is some reason to believe, come to see the folly of her previous action. But though by this time the Dowager doubtless sees that she has committed a serious offence against the common code of nations, she also knows that if outside nations are willing to condone the past, there are not wanting those at home who attribute to her the failure of their plots; and who if they had her in their power would revenge on her their failure. The presence and support of the Emperor is the only guarantee she possesses for her own life: she has got into Hsien, but she knows not how to get out; nor can she stay much longer. The great provincials are willing enough to guarantee the safety of the Emperor, but none will trouble themselves to care for hers; then, worst of all, there is hanging over her the effect of the plot of the New Year. It seemed an easy enough thing then to place the son of Prince TIAN in the position of successor to, if not actually to place him on the throne; but in the hour of trial not only has he proved himself of so vicious a disposition that he has already become an

impossibility, but he has been removed by his father—himself an open rebel—beyond her control. Fortunately the Emperor, though apparently not a man of strong nerve, is one of caution, and seems quite capable of profiting by the situation. On the whole, while it is impossible to forecast the outcome of the present peculiar position, it would be premature to pronounce it hopeless, and it seems that the whole course of affairs points to the fact, which we have often emphasised, that only one course likely to lead to a successful issue is to insist on dealing directly with the Emperor in person. Possibly the mission of the Emperor's younger brother to Europe may be at last a means of making the ill-informed foreign offices of Europe wake up to this fact. At all events, the impression made by the few days' stay at Shanghai seems to have been altogether favourable; he confirmed that impression during his brief visit here; and it was evident that he possesses many of the best qualities of his brother in his tact and prudent reserve in an exceedingly delicate position.

H.M.S. *Eclipse* arrived in the harbour yesterday evening from Singapore. The British transport *Iola* left for Taku.

During last week the cases of communicable disease notified in the colony were:—Typhus, 10 cases (16 in Victoria); 20 deaths; enteric fever, 3 cases (2 in Victoria); no deaths. Of the enteric sufferers one was European and two were Chinese.

A sale of Crown land, Inland Lot No. 1640, at Queen's Road East, took place yesterday afternoon at the Land Surveyor's Office. The lot consists of 750 square feet and carries an annual rent of \$10. The upset price was \$750, and there being no other bidders, the lot was knocked down to Mr. Yen Chin, of 133, Queen's Road East, for \$770.

The Rev. E. J. Hardy, M.A., the new Chaplain to the Forces, preached for the first time in Hongkong at the military service in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday morning. Our readers will be interested to hear that in a few weeks' time we propose to publish a series of original articles by the Rev. E. J. Hardy on "Love, Courtship, and Marriage."

During the 48 hours ending at noon yesterday there were reported 4 fresh cases of plague (3 Chinese, one European), and 2 deaths (Chinese). The new European case of plague is Master Donald McKenna of No. 8, Morrison Hill Road, who was admitted to Kennedytown Hospital, suffering from the disease, though his attack is only a slight one. Miss Herlist, the only other European patient still in the hospital, is doing well.

Owing to a delay in the departure of the *ss. Yucatan* from Manila—she should have started for Hongkong on Friday, but did not leave until the next day—the opening night of the Australian Vaudeville and Specialty Company has unavoidably been postponed to Wednesday. The alteration is of course annoying to the Company, and in consequence it is to be hoped that they will get an even better reception than was promised to-night, by way of compensation.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Italian Convent took place on Saturday afternoon. I.E. the Governor was to have presided, but unfortunately found himself unable to attend, so the prizes were given away by Lady Blake. There was present a fairly large number of parents of the children and friends of the institution, who were much pleased with the musical entertainment provided by the pupils before, during, and after the distribution.

People living in Bullock's Terrace were considerably alarmed at about 11 o'clock on Sunday night by a crash as if of a house falling. The tenants in the vicinity at once proceeded in the direction from where the sound was heard, and found that the back verandah of No. 13, Bullock's Terrace had collapsed, fortunately with no fatal result; although a little Chinese girl, who happened to be in the house, had a very narrow escape, and was very much frightened. The back verandah of these houses being all of wood, and partly exposed to the rain, the joists and planks are liable to decay in a very short time, which constitutes a source of danger to the people living in the houses. Some steps ought to be taken to remedy this defect.

The following paragraph should have been given to our representative at the Central Police Station on Saturday, but was withheld for some reason:—E. Nelsen, a young Norwegian sailor who was lately discharged from the American ship *Manuel Lingue*, attempted to commit suicide at the Sailors' Home on Saturday morning about nine o'clock by cutting his throat. He was found in one of the lavatories holding a handkerchief to his throat. On the handkerchief being withdrawn there was exposed a great gash which laid bare the windpipe. Although the wound had been inflicted by a dirty tobacco knife, the cut was perfectly clean and attended by only a very slight flow of blood. Nelsen was quite sensible, and coolly remarked that he had no desire to live. He was sent in a police ambulance to the Government Civil Hospital, where the wound was dressed and stitched. Nelsen was then left alone for a few minutes, and on being again visited it was found that he had torn the stitches out of the wound and left it gaping as before. The wound was once more closed; and Nelsen was afterwards removed to the asylum for observation. He is said to have been very quiet when at the Sailors' Home, and showed no desire for company, spending a great deal of his time in reading letters.

Prince Kono, President of the Japanese House of Peers, arrived at Tientsin on the 19th inst.

Among the elections to fellowships of the Royal Colonial Institute last month was that of Mr. William Taylor (Hongkong).

The Japanese Government has decided to appoint a Consul-General for the Dominion of Canada, whose headquarters will be at Montreal.

The repairs which delayed the departure of the T.K.K. steamer *Hongkong Maru* are well advanced, and she will be despatched on Saturday at noon, instead of Sunday as previously notified.

The *Massilia*, with the next English mail, left Singapore on the 23rd inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on Friday at 6 a.m. This mail brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 3rd June.

Bear-Admiral Bayle, in command of the Southern Division of the French Squadron on the China Station, returned here on Sunday evening on the French gunboat *Vigore* from Canton, where he had been inspecting the gunboats on the West River. He returns to the North in a day or two on the *Amiral Charner*.

A Provincial Examiner of Honan, Ou Yangling, who professes to possess the art of divination to a high degree, has notified the Court that the Dragon has altogether withdrawn his presence from Peking, and that the Court's return there is consequently useless. The Court officials are much pleased with the memorial, and extol the examiner as a "wise man of the East."

M. J. Em. Lemiere, writing in *L'Echo de Chine* of the 24th, has the good taste to conclude his article with the following words:— "The wound inflicted by Fashoda has not healed, and we do not expect it ever to heal while there are such statesmen as Chamberlain with those long feet which he always puts into the dish." M. Lemiere has also the courage to sign his name beneath this effusion. Fashoda truly is responsible for some remarkable aberrations among otherwise sane people.

The C.M.S. *Kiangyung*, which reached Shanghai last week, reported the *Sat. Moishan* ashore below Hankow on the 21st. *Kiangyung* ashore above Christmas Island on the 22nd, and *Taipei Maru* ashore on Fitzroy Island, on the 22nd. On the 22nd two Japanese boats were standing by the *Taipei Maru*, but she was still aground. The watermark at Hankow on the 20th inst. was 46 feet 2 inches, but it is not likely to rise any more. If the above-mentioned boats do not get off at once they are likely to remain adrift for some time.

The death occurred on the 27th ult. of Commander Philip Nellesdale Wright, who was wounded in China on 19th June, 1900, and has died after an operation. Commander Wright entered the Navy in 1884, and received his commission as a lieutenant on 3rd August, 1900, having obtained five first-class certificates at the examination at Greenwich. He was a gunnery lieutenant, and had held the appointment of experimental officer to the ordnance factories. He was appointed first lieutenant of the *Orlando*, and on 10th July was promoted to be commander on the special recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, the officer having been dangerously wounded at Tientsin. Commander Wright was in his 31st year.

A curious ceremonial took place at the Brookwood Cemetery near Woking last month, when the consecration of the new Parsonage, or chapel, and of the mausoleum erected in memory of the late Norwidge N. Wadsworth took place. A large number of the leading members of the Parsonage community in London were present, and several gentlemen belonging to the priestly caste recited prayers before an altar on which a fire was burning. The Parsonage burial ceremonial must, of course, be a home contemporary, necessarily differing in England from that practised in India. Those who know Bombay must be familiar with the gurgling Towers of Silence, and the huge flocks of vultures which surround them, adjuncts of a Parsonage funeral which do not exist in London.

The secretary of the China League communicated to the home Press a copy of the reply received from the Foreign Office, under date of 25th June, to the letter which addressed to that department on 19th June, respecting the proposal to raise the Chinese Customs tariff to an effective 5 per cent. Mr. Bortie wrote under instructions from the Marquis of Lansdowne: "I am to point out that the assumption that it is proposed to agree to the increase of the Chinese tariff to an effective 5 per cent, with out obtaining any concessions in return, is erroneous, and that the matter is now under consideration by the representatives of the Powers at Peking. I am to add that before any addition beyond the treaty rate of 5 per cent is agreed to, care will be taken to ascertain the views of those interested in the Chinese trade."

A Seoul despatch to *Osaka Mainichi* states that the Governor of Genzan, Corea, recently issued a proclamation prohibiting the exportation of cereals from the district, on the ground that owing to the serious drought, some scarcity would be experienced if the rice were sold to the Japanese merchants. Not content with this proclamation, the Governor seized 1,800 koku of rice and white beans purchased by Japanese merchants. The Japanese Consul at Genzan addressed a strong representation to the Governor, but a week having elapsed without any answer, Mr. Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, took the matter up and informed the Korean Government that it would be held responsible for compensation for the seizure and injury to trade. An instruction was forthwith issued to the Governor of Genzan, who withdrew the order on the 17th inst.

The Malay Mail hears that Mr. Gilbert Whyte has resigned the management of the *Rail* mines.

Mr. Gabbins, British Charge d'Affaires in Corea, arrived at Kusan on the 19th inst. by a British warship.

A train of Assam-Bengal Railway, travelling by night through the Nambor forest, a fortnight ago, ran into a herd of eight wild elephants, who were making a march along the track, killing one of them and partially derailing the engine.

The local agents of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha yesterday advised us that a telegram was received by them on Sunday from Shanghai to the effect that the R.S. *Kiyohu Maru*, after having jettisoned some 600 cases of matches, got afloat, and arrived at Wooming that afternoon.

Suggestions are now being made that the Japanese Government should take in hand the manufacture of tobacco itself, as it is thought a large revenue might be obtained from this source. Some of the officials in the Finance Department are reported to endorse this view.

Lieutenant Gillespie, who was twice breveted for gallantry in the Philippines, is named as the probable successor to the late Mr. Adalbert Hay's Consulship at Pretoria, when Mr. McKinley resolves to fill it. The salary, it is said, will be doubled, as an inducement to Lieutenant Gillespie.

The *L. & C. Express* says:—A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in August, between Marcus Warre Slade, barrister-at-law, of the Inner Temple and Hongkong, second son of the Rev. George Fitzclarence Slade, rector of Buckland, Surrey, and Isabel, eldest daughter of the Rev. H. Savill Young, rector of Englefield, Reading.

It is pointed out that it was a somewhat curious circumstance that Sir Claude MacDonald and Count Cassini, who had many a diplomatic tussle in Peking, should have been fellow-passengers on the same vessel from New York to Europe. Sir Claude and Lady MacDonald were homeward-bound on leave from Tokyo, and Count Cassini was proceeding to St. Petersburg to consult his Government on commercial differences between the United States and Russia.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SHORT RANGE GUP.
This competition which was started in February, and continued intermittently since, was brought to a close on Saturday, when Q. M. S. Wallace, R.E., by taking first place for the third time, became the winner. Underneath are the best scores:—

	200	500	600	Handi-	Total
	yds.	yds.	yds.	cap.	
Q. M. S. Wallace R.E.	28	32	33		93
C. A. Ormsby	27	39	31		97
D. Black	28	32	32		92
J. Pidgeon	31	32	32		95
T. Sloman	26	32	33	10	101
J. Marshall	31	29	29		89
P. Sherwin	25	29	20	10	87
J. Mossop	29	33	23		85

Winners of spoons.

POLICE COURT.

Monday, 29th July.

BEFORE MR. HAZELAND.

ILLICIT OPIUM.
Seven cases of possession of opium without a valid certificate were brought before His Worship to be dealt with yesterday morning.

The first case was that of Ho Fung who had been found in possession of eight taels, prepared, ninety-one taels raw, and seventy-seven taels dressed opium. Defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 or to do three months' hard labour.

The other six cases were despatched with fines ranging from \$2 to \$38.

CAUSING GRIEVOUS HURT.

A Chinese was pounding rice some weeks ago outside his hut at Wang Tong, Tso, on Lantau Island. His neighbour was Li Hi's story, the noise of the rice-pounding frightened his child into a fit, of which it died. Li Hi with wrath in his heart assailed his rice-pounding neighbour to such good purpose as to lay him up in hospital for three weeks.

When the latter came out he charged Li Hi with assault and causing grievous harm. His Worship, considering the story that the noise made by pounding rice in an adjoining dwelling could cause the death of a child, probable sentence passed on three weeks' hard labour.

BEFORE MR. KEMP.

UNLAWFULLY CUTTING TREES.
P. C. Finneman, No. 80, prosecuted a Chinese for cutting branches off trees near Kennedy town.

Defendant was sentenced to a fine of \$15, or fourteen days' hard labour, and was charged with neglecting to remove dangerous goods. The owner of a Chinese junk was charged with carrying kerosene in his junk within the waters of this colony, without having it sufficiently covered with tarpaulin.

Accused received a fine of \$15, or one month's hard labour.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. steamer *Massilia* left Singapore for this port on the 23rd inst., at 6 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 2nd prox., at about 6 a.m.

The O. & O. steamer *Doric*, with mails, etc., from San Francisco, left the 24th inst. via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port yesterday morning via Island Sea.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Stettin* left Kobe via Nagasaki, Shanghai, and Foochow on the 29th inst., 6 p.m., and may be expected here on the 2nd prox.

The P. & O. steamer *Peking* left Bombay for this port on the 27th inst.

The N.E. steamer *Oryzopsis* has arrived at Yokohama, and sailed for Tacoma on the 29th inst.

The N.E. steamer *Duke of York* arrived at Tacoma on the 29th inst.

The O.S.S. steamer *Tonoloway* left Singapore on the 27th inst., at 5 p.m., and is due in Hongkong on the 1st prox.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, 29th July, 8.6 p.m.

HONOURS FOR YUNG LU.

The Empress Dowager has appointed Yung Lu Controller General of the Board of Revenue.

BOXER AGITATION IN SHANTUNG.

The Boxers are awakening to activity, owing to Yuan Shikai's retirement on account of his mother's death.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, there being present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (Sir HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G.),
Hon. Col. L. F. BROWN, R.E. (Commanding the Troops),
Hon. H. STURTEVANT LOCKHART, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary),
Hon. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C. (Acting Attorney-General),
Hon. C. McI. MESSER (Acting Colonial Treasurer),
Hon. W. CHATHAM (Acting Director of Public Works),
Hon. E. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police),
Hon. Commander B. M. BURNETT, R.N. (Harbour Master),
Hon. C. P. CHATER, C.M.G.,
Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Hon. J. THURGOOD,
Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING,
Hon. Dr. HO KAI,
Hon. WELA YUK,
Mr. E. F. JOHNSON (Acting Clerk of Councils).

COL. BROWN TAKES THE OATH.
Col. L. F. BROWN, R.E. (Commanding the Troops), was sworn in on taking his seat in the Council in the absence of H.E. Major-General Gascoigne.

THE L.W. COMMITTEE.
On the proposal of H. E. the Governor, Hon. J. J. Bell-irving and Hon. T. H. Whitehead were elected to the Law Committee in place of Mr. Keenick and Mr. Gifford.

PAPERS.
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table a clinical report on malaria by Dr. Bell, Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer, and Mr. G. Stewart (Lieut. I.M.S.) Acting Assistant Superintendent; also a blue-book containing correspondence regarding the sanitary condition of Hongkong, and a memorandum on the petition, dated 25th June. He said:—With regard to the blue-books, I may mention that two diagrams have not yet been completed. The correspondence in the blue-book is completed, and the diagrams will be finished during the next two days, when another addition to the blue-book will be circulated to hon. members.

FINANCIAL.
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 44 to 47, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee. The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was carried.

THE GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 7), and moved its adoption.

THE ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was carried.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.
The Acting Director of Public Works laid on the table a report of proceedings of the Public Works Committee at a meeting held on 15th July.

QUESTIONS.
The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD gave notice of the following questions:—

LAW REVISION IN THE NEW TERRITORY.
Will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary lay upon the Council table a return showing (1) the number of claims to land in the New Territory set in up to 30th June, 1901, and (2) the number of claims which had been finally disposed of by the Land Court up to that date? Will the Honourable member inform the Council what progress has been made with the survey of the New Territory?

REVENUE AND FINANCE IN THE NEW TERRITORY.
Will the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer lay upon the Council table a statement showing the total expenditure incurred in connection with the New Territory from the date of the lease thereof, viz. 9th June, 1898, to 30th June, 1901, and the total revenue collected from the said New Territory during the same period, the principal receipts under both heads to be shown separately.

DISSENT AMONG THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE AND THE NAVAL STAFF.
Has the attention of the Honourable the Captain Superintendent of Police been directed to paragraphs and sentences which appeared in the *China Mail* of 24th, 25th, and 26th inst. in the *Telegraph* and in the *Daily Press* of 24th and 25th inst. in respect of discontent among the European members of the police force and the naval staff, and will the honourable member inform the Council as to the correctness or otherwise of the allegations and statements therein made?

TRAMP VILLAGE.
Will the Honourable the Director of Public Works lay upon the Council table a statement showing the names of the buildings in the Colony which have fallen down from 1st January, 1900, to 30th June, 1901, the names of the owners of the buildings, and the number of deaths caused by the falling down of said premises, and will the honourable member state the causes, so far as known, which have contributed to each accident, and if they have resulted from defective construction, what precautions, if any, have been taken to prevent the repetition of such buildings in the future?

THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance for the Naturalisation of Sin Yuen-fai, alias Sin Yuen-hang, alias Sin Kwok-yung, alias Sin Kwok-ming, alias Sin Yung.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was carried.

RE-AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE.
The Hon. C. P. Chater moved:—The first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the scope of the Tramways Ordinance, 1883

(No. 6 of 1893), and the Transvaal Ordinances Amendment Ordinances, 1893 (No. 18 of 1893). The Hon. J. J. Bell, having seconded, and the motion was carried.

GOVERNMENT LANDS.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to the territorial waters of the Colony for reclamation and other purposes and to legislate and facilitate the making of such leases hereafter. In asking leave to withdraw the item from the orders of the day, he said:—I may mention that various points have been raised in connection with the Bill, and I desire further time to consider the points.

REFORMATORY SCHOOLS.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to reformatory schools. He said:—Hon. members are aware that there has been recently erected in this Colony a building known as the Bellis Reformatory. Before its erection there was only a small building in existence in this Colony, and since this reformatory has been built it seems advisable that the law should bring the legislation in this Colony more into line with the legislation in force in England, and this Ordinance is based in the main upon the Industrial Schools Bill, which is set forth in Appendix X to the report to the Home Secretary by the Departmental Committee on Reformatory and Industrial Schools, published in 1893. Although the Ordinance is called a Reformatory Ordinance, the boys qualified for admission belong mostly to the class admitted to industrial schools in England. I may mention, Sir, for the information of this Council that, so far as the law is concerned, the only point in this Bill which is in any way new in principle, is embodied in sub-Section E. of Clause 5 of the Bill. That Section reads as follows:—Upon the recommendation of the Registrar-General, to send a male child, who appears to the Governor to be less than fourteen years of age, to a school in any instance where such child is not and does not appear liable to be brought back with under the provisions of Section 5 of this Ordinance.

The object of this clause is to enable a boy to be sent to a reformatory school, even although he may not have rendered himself liable to be dealt with by the magistrate. It seems desirable in certain cases where a male child appears to have no natural guardian or anyone to look after him, that the child should be sent to a reformatory, where no doubt he will be looked after and cared for. With these few observations I beg to move the second reading of the Bill. The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

NATURALISATION.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance for the Naturalisation of Ian Yat Ts'ui, alias Lan Ng, alias Lan Man Kwong, alias Lan Ng, alias Lan Hok Wai. He said:—Hon. members will see from the preamble of this Bill that Mr. Ian Yat Ts'ui has been for the last 35 years one of the managing partners of the Kung Yuen firm, carrying on business as rice-merchants at No. 112, Wing Lok Street, and that he is also a director of the Po On Marine Insurance & Godown Company, Limited. He has continuously resided in this Colony for over 35 years, and has declared his intention of residing here permanently.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was carried.

STAMPS AND STAMP DUTY.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend and consolidate the laws relating to stamp and stamp duty in the Colony of Hongkong. He said:—I think, Sir, that hon. members will find the alterations effected in this Bill from the previously existing law clearly stated in the objects and reasons attached to the Bill, but in the main, this Bill is an Ordinance to consolidate the previous existing law. The new provisions of the Bill will be found in the last page of the objects and reasons.—The object of sub-Section 1 (a) of clause 18 of the Bill is to introduce certain provisions of the English Legislature into this Colony in order to prevent persons who fall seriously ill from conveying away their property a few days before their death, so as to evade probate duty. In this Colony this kind has recently occurred in this Colony. The object of sub-Section 1 (b) and 1 (c) of clause 18 of the Bill, which are also founded upon English legislation, is to thwart other possible devices by which probate duty might be evaded.

Sub-Sections (2) and (3) of clause 18 of the Bill have been introduced for the express purpose of preventing attempts at evasion of probate duty under the plea that valuable consideration has been paid.

Clause 22 of the Bill contains provisions which are entirely new to this Colony, though similar provisions have been in force in England for some years past, and have been law in the Straits Settlements ever since the passing of their Ordinance X of 1885. I think that it will be readily conceded that the introduction of such a Clause in this Colony is desirable. The provision at the end of Clause 22 has been inserted in view of certain special powers which have been conferred upon the Official Administrator, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Colonial Superintendent of Police, in certain cases, under the provisions of Sections 14, 19, 22, 23, and 24 of the Probate Ordinance, No. 18 of 1897.

Article 48 in the Schedule to the Bill makes probate duty payable at a higher scale than heretofore, and assimilates the scale of probate duty which is chargeable in this Colony to that which is chargeable in the Straits Settlements, except that the value of the estate remains fixed at \$250,000, whereas in the Straits Settlements it is fixed at \$500,000. Under our present law contained in Article 31 to the schedule of Ordinance 18 of 1893 as amended by Section 5 of Ordinance 13 of 1894, the probate duty charged is one per cent, where the value of the estate does not exceed \$5,000, and two per cent, where such value exceeds \$5,000, and I think that it will be readily conceded that that rate is a very low one, especially when it is borne in mind that in Great Britain 3 per cent is levied, namely, probate duty, legacy or succession duty, and estate duty.

In Great Britain the probate duty alone between £100 and £500 (which is roughly equivalent from £1,000 to \$5,000) is 2 per cent, between £500 and £1,000, 2½ per cent, and above £1,000, 3 per cent.

prohibitors of administration before administering the estate of any deceased person. I would suggest, Sir, for the consideration of the Council, that it might be advisable to bring these provisions more particularly to the knowledge of the Chinese by means of a proclamation. I am quite sure, from my experience in this Colony, and I think the hon. members will bear me out, that it is not sufficiently appreciated amongst the Chinese that when a man dies in this Colony it is necessary that letters of administration should be taken out to his estate. I remember a rather curious case in which I was concerned a few years ago. In this case it was found out that a Chinaman had forged the name of his dead father to a deed for the purchase of transferred property in this Colony, and I was quite satisfied myself in that case that the forgery was done by the Chinaman in good faith—that is to say, he did not recognize that he was doing anything wrong in signing his father's name to the deed, apparently assuming that all rights and privileges of his father had descended by right to him as son. In that particular case I am quite sure the son signed the name of the dead father in all good faith. It is very desirable that the necessary knowledge of the law on the subject should be brought home to the Chinese, and I am sure that by means of a proclamation, a suitable one could be drafted in the Registrar-General's Department, and it is especially desirable that this clause should be adopted for the reason that under the new provision of Clause 22 of the Bill there is a penalty attached in the case of letters of administration not being taken out within a certain time mentioned in Clause 2. With these remarks I beg to move the second reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was carried.

THE TRAMWAYS BILL.

The Hon. C. P. CHATER moved the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance for authorising the construction of a tramway within the Colony of Hongkong. He said:—In moving the second reading of the Bill, which has already passed its first reading, I may state that this Bill has been the subject of long and careful consideration by the Acting Attorney-General and the Director of Public Works, in close conference with the solicitors of the promoters, and it affords me much satisfaction in bringing it before your Excellency and hon. members of Council for the second reading. The objects of the Bill are to provide quick, reliable, and cheap means of transportation for passengers through certain portions of Hongkong, and to furnish transport for certain classes of freight along the line of tramway at such times as will not interfere with the passenger traffic.

It is proposed to construct the tramways on the overhead trolley system of electric traction, and I may add that it is the intention of the company to follow the very latest plan and to lay the tracks in the line that is intended to be established at length in the papers, and I need hardly therefore go into details on that head. The main line will start from the extreme west of Belcher's Bay and will terminate at Shaukiwan, and the branch line will run from Praya Street to the Race-course in Wongwongchong Valley. The Attorney-General and the promoters have been hard at work on this Bill for some time past, and all the Sections have been agreed to, with the exception of Clauses 11, 14, and 47. With regard to the first, No. 11, sub-Section reads:—They shall have an interval of at least one hundred yards between any two places at which they may open or break up the road, and they shall not without the consent of the Director of Public Works open or break up at any such place a greater length than two hundred yards.

The promoters contend this Clause establishes too low a limit of the length of road which can be opened up to admit of the rapid construction to promote it. If this limit can be extended from 200 to 800 or 900 yards at one time, it would greatly facilitate the progress of the work. Referring to Clause 14, there is another difference of opinion. The adviser to the Government, the Director of Public Works, urges that, where there is a double track the road should be paved across its entire width, whereas the promoters contend that where there is a double track the road should be paved only on one side, and for sixteen feet outside of each rail, in short, that such double track road should be treated simply as two single tracks. Coming to the last point of divergence, Clause 47, the Government contend that the net earnings of the company must be considered, the gross earnings less the actual operating expenses, whilst the promoters are of opinion that the net earnings should mean the gross earnings less actual operating expenses and also less the interest on any debentures that there may be arranged. I am given to understand that these differences are to be thoroughly threshed out between the Secretary of State and the promoters of the enterprise in London. Now, Sir, there is one other little matter which has been pointed out to me by my honorable friend opposite (the Senior Member for the Chinese). It is a matter of three cents a day for the Chinese workman to come to work and three cents for him to return. This sum, added to the rent he would have to pay if living outside the city, would be more than he would have to pay in town, and consequently the overcrowding we are all so anxious to see abolished might not be so materially reduced as we now hope. I feel sure that if this point were brought before the promoters they would feel inclined to still further cheapen workmen's fares.

There are two parties, both anxious that a tramway should be started in the island; the Government, in order to assist in doing away with overcrowding in the Central districts of the city of Victoria; and the promoters, animated by a desire to see no time in commencing to earn dividends, will very soon arrive at a satisfactory arrangement. When these are arranged, and this much-desired means of communication established, it will, I am confident, prove a great boon to the Colony at large and to the poorer classes in particular, as it will enable them to quit the crowded and insanitary localities, and to live in healthier and more airy districts out of town.

It will also prove a great convenience to the community in all weathers, and cannot fail to have some influence in promoting the interests of commerce by improving the means of communication.

Mr. BELL IRVING seconded.

Mr. CHATER.—It has been suggested by the hon. Attorney-General that the Bill should be sent to the Law Committee.

Dr. Ho Kai said he quite agreed with the hon. Attorney-General in his remarks in proposing the second reading of the Bill.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held, the COLONIAL SECRETARY presiding. There were four items for the consideration of the Committee. In the first the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$4,100 to meet the cost of raising in the openings round the cattle depots at Kowloon.

The vote was agreed to.

In the next minute the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$10,000 to meet the estimated cost of two stamping embossing presses and dies for a new series of stamps.

The vote was agreed to.

In the last minute the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,700 in aid of the vote "Watering Streets" to cover the cost

of two water carts and pumps for the use of the Sanitary Department.

The vote was agreed to.

The Committee next considered the Bill entitled an Ordinance to authorise the appropriation of a supplementary sum of five hundred and fifty-nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars and seventy-eight cents to defray the charges of the year 1901.

The various items in the Bill were considered separately, and all were agreed to.

This was all the business.

MEETING OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held to consider the proposal to establish a refuse destructor for the city. The Acting Director of Public Works presided.

After a discussion lasting over an hour, it was decided that a refuse destructor should not be provided, and that a scheme should be further gone into and referred to the Sanitary Board for consideration.

This scheme provides for the collection of refuse by a steam-hopper at three different points, the refuse to be then taken out to sea and discharged.

HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAM-BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the board of directors to the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders to be held at the office of the Company, on Tuesday, the 6th August, at 12 o'clock noon.

After paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, repairs and all other outgoings, there remains, including \$1,589.55 brought forward from last account, the sum of \$271,595.62 at credit of profit and loss account. From this amount the directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 10 per cent on capital of \$120,000, be paid to shareholders, that \$50,000 be written off the book value of the steamers and launches, and that \$50,000 be placed at credit of equalisation of dividend fund, leaving a balance of \$51,595.62 to be carried forward to next account.

With the appropriation recommended, the equalisation of dividend fund will amount to \$200,000.

During the six months under review, business on the main line has been exceptionally good, but the directors regret that they are still unable to report any improvement in the state of affairs on the West River, and although the new set of steamers are liked by passengers for their speed and well adapted to the trade, they are not likely, under existing conditions, to do more than cover running expenses.

The usual overhaul and repairs have been effected during the half-year, and the steamers are all in good running order. In view of the necessity for increased wharfage accommodation at Canton, the directors have acquired a suitable site for the purpose at a cost of \$37,000.

The value of the Company's investments in shares has been adjusted to figures well within present market rates, the difference being passed to the credit of investment fluctuation account. The loans on mortgage show ample margins on the sums advanced.

Upon leaving the colony, the Honorable J. J. Kewick resigned his seat at the Board, and the directors have nominated the Honorable J. J. Bell-Irving to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Messrs. N. A. Siebs and A. Haupt retire from the board of directors by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The retiring auditors, Messrs. A. O'D. Gourdin and F. Henderson, also offer themselves for re-election.

J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1901.

The following are the accounts:—

30th June, 1901. ASSETS.

Value of steamers *Panama*, *Honam* and *Hemphill* and *John of Patagonia* 675,000.00

Value of steam-launches *Lungtung* and *Lungtung* 42,625.00

Value of 3rd share of West River steamers *Nanning* and *Saiman* 65,000.00

Value of lighters *Sun*, *Lee* and *Ho Lee* 11,500.00

Value of wharves, bulks, and moorings 58,846.45

Value of properties at Canton, Wuchow and Kowloon 45,042.37

Value of coal, stores, and spare gear 18,955.60

Value of furniture, etc., in accordance with the value of shares in public companies 553,192.50

Value of Chinese bonds 1,054.48

Loans on mortgage 87,000.00

Short loans on Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation 51,698.95

Interest accrued to date 8,505.83

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LTD.

The fifth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the above company was held yesterday afternoon at the offices of Messrs. Dowdell & Co., the General Managers. There were present, Mr. G. H. Medhurst (Chairman), Messrs. E. H. Hinde, E. J. Liband and E. G. Barrett (Secretaries).

After the reading of the notice convening the meeting by the Secretary, the CHAIRMAN addressed the shareholders as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The report and accounts have been before you some little time, and with your permission I will take them as read. During the year under review the Company's business has considerably increased, with results which I trust are satisfactory to the shareholders. I would mention that our agreement with the Home Company has been extended to cover the Philippine Islands, and we are of opinion that a good field is open there for asbestos goods, and arrangements are in progress for placing our goods on that market. Your General Managers recommend writing \$2,000 off the book value of the *Janoh Gladstair*, writing down the value of furniture and fittings to the reserve and bringing it up to \$5,000. The stock of material on hand, valued at \$46,247.81, has been verified by Mr. Brewitt, and we are satisfied as to the quality and suitability for the requirements of the trade. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions the shareholders may desire to ask.

There being no questions the CHAIRMAN moved that the reports and accounts as read be adopted.

Seconded by Mr. HINDE and carried nem. con. CHAIRMAN.—The next business is the election of an Auditor. Gentlemen, I move that Mr. W. Hutton Potts be re-elected as Auditor of this Company.

Seconded by Mr. HINDE and carried nem. con. CHAIRMAN.—Gentlemen, this concludes the business of the meeting. I thank you for your attendance.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA AMERICA.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

London, 11th July.

LORD MEHURIN SUCCESSFUL.

A despatch from Lord Methuen states that he surprised and captured a Boer laager at Enslburg, on the night of the 24th inst., capturing 43 prisoners, munitions, and stock.

London, 12th July.

THE PRESS AND VLAKFOSTEIN.

Referring to the methods of the Press Censor in connection with Vlaktefontein, the newspapers urge the removal of petty restrictions, as telegrams are hardly likely now to convey military information to the Boers.

BOER ATTACK ON A POLICE POST.

A despatch from Lord Kitchener from Pretoria says that a post of the South African Constabulary at Henschkop, to the north-west of Vervanger, was attacked yesterday, and the Boers captured an old 7-pounder screw gun. The attack was driven off, our loss being three killed and seven wounded.

THE NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT.

In retaliation for annoyance caused by the Admiralty's refusal to allow returning New Zealanders to land at Bluff (sic), the New Zealand Government has intimated to the Cape authorities that no further discharges of New Zealand troops will be allowed in South Africa.

London, 18th July.

BOER FAILURE TO LIFT CATTLE.

Seventy Boers made a daring attempt to lift a large herd of cattle close to Pretoria, but were driven off by fifty of the Cattle Rangers' Corps. Close fighting took place and clubbed rifles were used.

London, 15th July.

SENSATIONAL "DAILY NEWS" REPORT.

The *Daily News* understands that Lord Kitchener has proposed to withdraw most of the Infantry, replacing it by Mounted Forces, and to abandon a portion of the railway between Cape Town and Pretoria, and concentrate on the Natal railway.

THIS WEEKLY BOER LOSSES.

Since the 31st instant, 32 Boers have been killed, and 34 wounded; 307 prisoners have been taken, and 140 have surrendered; 218 rifles, 15,870 rounds of ammunition, 445 wagons and 4,825 horses have been captured.

Lord Kitchener reports that Mrs. Schalk-Burger has been brought to Pretoria.

GENERAL NEWS.

WHY THE RHEDIVE WENT TO CONSTANTINOPLE?

London, 11th July.

The Times Constantinople correspondent says that the Khedive is visiting the Sultan because the latter was impatient to converse about the young Turks in Egypt.

THE AMERICA CUP.

The yacht *Constitution* has practically finally been selected to defend the America Cup.

THE 18th INDIAN SPARTAN CORPS.

Lord Hamilton, on the recommendation of the Government of India, has sanctioned the reduction of the period for qualifying for promotion to Captain and Major in the Indian Staff Corps to nine and eighteen years respectively.

IRISH-AMERICAN SPORTS.

Pennsylvania boat Dublin University in the four hundred yards race at Killybegs.

TURKISH PORT TO BE DESTROYED NEAR ADEN.

London, 14th July.

A mixed force of 500 British and Indian troops leave Aden to-morrow to destroy a Turkish fort in the territory of the Hamahia who are under British protection. It is hoped that it will be a bloodless demonstration. The forts has disowned the building of the fort.

RECORD SHOOTING AT BISKLEY.

Remarkable marksmanship took place at Biskley yesterday, when 35 highest possible were made in the *Daily Graphic* competition.

THE FLAOUR IN TURKEY.

London, 15th July.

An Irish announces the despatch of three Turkish doctors to India to study plague, and the engagement of an Indian specialist.

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Hongkong, 30th July, 1901. [1913]

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Hongkong, 30th July, 1901. [1911]

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W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

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LIMITED,
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GEO. L. TOMLIN,
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Hongkong, 30th July, 1901. [1912]

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Hongkong, 29th July, 1901. [17]

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
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All damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage ob-
tained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the vessel's arrival here, after which
no claims will be recognised.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1901. [4]

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Hongkong, 27th July, 1897. [1669]

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Width of Entrance on Top .. 89 "

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E. O. MURPHY, WR. SC. A.M.I. MECH. E.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1901. [13]

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TERMS OF SALE—As Customary.
V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1901. [1888]

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TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY),
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Hongkong, 27th July, 1901. [1886]

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On View from 1st August.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1901. [1904]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions from the Vendors to Sell by Public Auction in
SIX LOTS,
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD
PROPERTY
Situate at Yau Ma Tei, the Dependency of
Kowloon Colony of Hongkong registered in
the Land Office respectively as Kowloon
Inland Lots Nos. 230, 231, 232, 233, 234 and
235.
on
MONDAY,
the 12th day of August, 1901, at 3 p.m.,
on the Premises.
The following is a description of the Property:—
Lot 1. All that Piece or Parcel of Ground situate lying and being at Yau Ma Tei aforesaid registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 230 together with the Messuage or Tenement thereon known as No. 11, Reclamation Street, Yau Ma Tei. Area 750 square feet. Annual Crown Rent \$10.
Lot 2. All that Piece or Parcel of Ground situate lying and being at Yau Ma Tei aforesaid registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 231 together with the Messuage or Tenement thereon known as No. 13, Reclamation Street, Yau Ma Tei. Area 750 square feet. Annual Crown Rent \$10.
Lot 3. All that Piece or Parcel of Ground situate lying and being at Yau Ma Tei aforesaid registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 232 together with the Messuage or Tenement thereon known as No. 17, Reclamation Street, Yau Ma Tei. Area 750 square feet. Annual Crown Rent \$10.
Lot 4. All that Piece or Parcel of Ground situate lying and being at Yau Ma Tei aforesaid registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 233 together with the Messuage or Tenement thereon known as No. 19, Reclamation Street, Yau Ma Tei. Area 750 square feet. Annual Crown Rent \$10.
Lot 5. All that Piece or Parcel of Ground situate lying and being at Yau Ma Tei aforesaid registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 234 together with the Messuage or Tenement thereon known as No. 21, Reclamation Street, Yau Ma Tei. Area 750 square feet. Annual Crown Rent \$10.
Lot 6. All that Piece or Parcel of Ground situate lying and being at Yau Ma Tei aforesaid registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 235 together with the Messuage or Tenement thereon known as No. 23, Reclamation Street, Yau Ma Tei. Area 750 square feet. Annual Crown Rent \$10.
All the above 6 Lots are held from the Crown for the term of 75 years.
For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Vendors,
or to
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1901. [1903]

CARTRIDGES! CARTRIDGES!!

JUST LANDED A NEW STOCK of
ELEY'S and KYNOC'S SPORT-
ING CARTRIDGES and NEWCASTLE
CHILLED SHOT.
20 BORE CARTRIDGES.
13 " "
12 " "
10 " "
8 " "
WM. SCHMIDT & CO.,
Gunsmiths,
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1901. [1213]

A. LING & CO., FURNITURE STORE.

PLATED GLASS and CROCKERY WARE
Also FOOCHOW LACQUERED WARE.
FURNITURE on HIRE.
68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1901. [1145]

NOTICE OF FIRM

NOTICE.

THE Business of Messrs. TURNER & CO. in Hongkong has been transferred to the Undersigned, who will continue to carry it on under the same Name, Style and Title of TURNER & CO.
E. CHATTERTON WILCOX.

REFERRING to the above, Mr. HAROLD CHATTERTON WILCOX has been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date.
TURNER & CO.
Hongkong, 25th July, 1901. [1874]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Six Dollars per Share for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1901, being at the rate of Twelve per Cent. per Annum, will be payable on the 27th instant, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 27th instant (both days inclusive).
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1901. [1728]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of One Dollar and Fifty Cents per Share for Six Months ending 30th June, 1901, will be payable on the 27th instant, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 27th instant (both days inclusive).
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary, Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited,
General Agents, The West Point Building Company, Limited.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1901. [1729]

THE TEBRAU PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the Company's Office, 35 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 30th July, 1901, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, for the period ending 30th April, 1901.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd July to the 6th August inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th July, 1901. [1819]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 6th August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th July to the 6th August inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1901. [1790]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a SCRIP CERTIFICATE No. 2286 issued 30th January, 1896, for Ten Shares Numbered 3601/3610 in the above Office, standing in the name of Mr. JOHN HERBICK McMICHAEL, of Shanghai, has been STOLEN. The same should not be produced before the 9th proximo, a New Scrip Certificate will be issued to the said Mr. JOHN HERBICK McMICHAEL, and no transaction taking place under the said Scrip Certificate No. 2286 will be recognised by the Office.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Limited,
Hongkong, 28th July, 1901. [1831]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, the 19th August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1901.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to 19th August, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th July, 1901. [1877]

FOR SALE.

"MUENOHEN,"
4526 Tons Gross, 2355 Tons Nett,
as she now lies in the Cosmopolit Dock at Kowloon, Hongkong, in damaged condition, with all her GEAR, TACKLE, ENGINES, BOILERS, MACHINERY and APPURTENANCES now on Board.
For Particulars and Inspecting Order,
Apply to—
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents,
NORDDIETSCHE LLOYD,
Hongkong, 29th June, 1901. [1619]

BANKS

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP .. £200,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS .. £200,000
RESERVE FUND .. £275,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. on the Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.
" " " " 3 " 3 1/2 " "
" " " " 6 " 3 " "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1901. [29]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Bids may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1900. [23]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL .. \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND .. \$10,000,000
SILVER RESERVE .. \$3,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Hon. J. J. BELL IRVING—Deputy Chairman.
A. Haupt, Esq. H. Schlicht, Esq.
D. Meyer, Esq. N. A. Sills, Esq.
A. J. Raymond, Esq. H. W. Slade, Esq.
R. L. Richardson, Esq. H. E. Tomkins, Esq.
Paul Witkowski, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—SIR THOMAS JACKSON.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th June, 1901. [24]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP .. \$1,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS .. 125,000

Directors:
J. S. VAN BUREN, Esq.
C. EWENS, Esq.
C. S. SHARP, Esq.
H. W. SLADE, Esq.
HO TUNG, Esq.

General Managers:
Messrs. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

Bankers:
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE Company is prepared to act as Special Agents or Attorneys, Liquidators, Executors or Administrators, as Trustees, Receivers, House and Estate Agents for Residents or non-Residents, and on Commission, to buy or sell Property, to advance money against Mortgage, to invest funds in Mortgage or otherwise, to buy or sell Shares or Local Stocks and generally to act for those who may be temporarily or permanently absent from the Colony.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1901. [387]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL .. £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED .. £1,125,000
PAID-UP .. £ 582,000
RESERVE FUND .. £ 40,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. on the Daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 12 months .. 4 1/2 %
" 6 " .. 3 1/2 %
" 3 " .. 3 %
J. THURBYN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1901. [25]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—Shanghai Tls. 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL .. 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
Canton, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai, Singapore.

The Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities Bills Discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
At 2 1/2 per cent. on Current Account daily balances.
3 1/2 per cent. on Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4 1/2 " " " " 6 " " "
5 1/2 " " " " 12 " " "
E. W. BUTTER,
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1901. [26]

BANKS

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL .. £1,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL .. £ 324,374

TO LET.

TO LET.
N. 6 WEST TERRACE, ONE EURO PEAN HOUSE, consisting of TWO FLOORS, in a respectable locality. Rent moderate.
 Apply to—
KWONG WING SANG,
 No. 182, Queen's Road Central.
 Hongkong, 17th July, 1901. [1899]

TO LET.

TO LET.
N. 8A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
 Apply to—
KWONG CHEONG WO,
 No. 238, Des Voeux Road.
 Hongkong, 9th July, 1901. [1738]

TO LET FURNISHED

For 2 or 3 months from 1st August.
27, BELLIOS TERRACE, Top Ter- race, fine view of Harbour, back entrance from Conduit Road.
 Apply to—
J. J. BRYAN,
 Sanitary Board Office.
 Hongkong, 29th July, 1901. [1896]

TO LET.

TWO FURNISHED ROOMS, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, No. 72.
 APPLY ON THE PREMISES.
 Hongkong, 29th July, 1901. [1897]

FURNISHED ROOM TO LET. Privately, with or without Board, in a pretty house in Kowloon.
 Reply—
M. N.,
 Care of Daily Press Office.
 Hongkong, 29th July, 1901. [1898]

TO LET.

TO LET.
N. 1, STEWART TERRACE, the PEAK.
 Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
 Hongkong, 17th July, 1901. [1799]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET.
 Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
 Hongkong, 5th July, 1901. [1692]

BEDROOM with BOARD. Moderate terms.
 Apply—
G. L.,
 Care of Daily Press Office.
 Hongkong, 26th July, 1901. [1875]

TO LET.

TO LET.
N. 12, BELLIOS TERRACE.
OFFICES and SHOPS in BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.
SMALL GODOWN in DUDDELL STREET.
 For Particulars, apply to—
TURNER & CO.
 Hongkong, 26th July, 1901. [1876]

TO LET.

HOUSE in RIVON TERRACE.
"FAIRVIEW," Kowloon.
"THE RETREAT," MOUNT KELLET.
 Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
 Hongkong, 13th July, 1901. [168]

TO LET.

TO LET.
POSSESSION, August 1st.
THE GODOWN in West Point (Kennedy Town) known as Feather Factory, now occupied by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.
 For Particulars, apply to—
LAURENCE WEAVER & CO.
 Hongkong, 9th July, 1901. [1730]

TO LET.

TO LET.
N. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE, Posses- sion from 1st August.
 Apply to—
S. STOCKHAUSEN,
 28, Queen's Road Central.
 Hongkong, 24th July, 1901. [1838]

TO LET.

TO LET.
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.
1 LARGE and WELL-VENTILATED ROOM, with BATHROOM, at No. 37, CAINE ROAD.
 Apply to—
R. J. REMEDIOS,
 Mercantile Bank.
 Hongkong, 25th July, 1901. [1897]

TO LET SHORTLY.

TO LET SHORTLY.
SHOPS, OFFICES and FLATS, Des Voeux Road Central (Opposite Lane, Crawford & Co.).
 Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO. LIMITED.
 Hongkong, 12th July, 1901. [1134]

TO LET (IMMEDIATE POSSESSION).

TO LET (IMMEDIATE POSSESSION).
3 LARGE UNFURNISHED ROOMS with Separate Bath, use of COOKHOUSE, &c., \$40.
 Apply—
B. ROE,
 Care of Daily Press Office.
 Hongkong, 22nd July, 1901. [1842]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.
MRS. GILLANDERS
"GLENWOOD,"
 21, CAINE ROAD.
 Hongkong, 20th September, 1900. [1869]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.
COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board.
 Apply to Mrs. MATHER,
 2, Poddar's Hill.
 Hongkong, 1st January, 1892.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.
MRS. SIDNEY JEFFREY,
"VERITAS,"
 BEACH ROAD WEST,
 FELICITYTOWNE, SUFFOLK,
 ENGLAND.
 Hongkong, 28th August, 1900. [173]

INSURANCES.

INSURANCES.
TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
 The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SIEMSEN & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [129]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1900, £14,732,681.
 I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£3,000,000 0 0
 SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....2,750,000 0 0
 PAID-UP CAPITAL.....687,500 0 0
 II. FIRE FUNDS.....2,833,716 14 4

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SIEMSEN & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [129]

THE UNDER-SIGNED, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SIEMSEN & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [129]

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.
 The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.,
 Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.
 Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [32]

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO, CANADA.
 INCORPORATED 1851.
 CAPITAL.....£410,000.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
Wm. MEYERINK & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 18th May, 1900. [1:85]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
 The Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT First Class Foreign and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.
SIEMSEN & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 20th May, 1895. [31]

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.
 The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
REUTER, BRÜCKELMANN & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [94]

"L'UNION" FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LD.
 (Established 1828).
 The Undersigned, having been appointed GENERAL AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at current rates.
A. R. MARTY,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, 1st August, 1900. [279]

"L'URBAINE" FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LD.
 (Established 1838).
 The Undersigned, having been appointed GENERAL AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at current rates.
P. LEMAIRE & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 7th February, 1901. [439]

SUN INSURANCE OFFICE, LONDON.
 FOUNDED 1710.
 The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SIEMSEN & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 16th May, 1892. [30]

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
HOTZ, JACOB & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [53]

FOR SALE.
A COUNTER 24 feet by 4 feet 6 inches with Teakwood Two-Shelf Stand on Top and Shelving below.
 Apply to—
W. BREWER & CO.,
 Queen's Road.
 Hongkong, 13th July, 1901. [1770]

DANG CHEE, SON & CO.,
 IMPORT and EXPORT MERCHANTS,
 8, D'AGUIAR STREET.
 BRANCH—N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.
 Hongkong, 2nd July, 1901. [1646]

AUTOMATIC MAUSER PISTOLS.
 CALIBRE 7.63 mm.
 With CHAMBER for 10 CARTRIDGES.
 FIRING 10 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.
SIEMSEN & CO.
 Agents.
 Hongkong 3rd October, 1900. [173]

R. J. REMEDIOS,
 FOREIGN AND COLONIAL STAMP DEALER.
 No. 37, CAINE ROAD, HONGKONG.
 Will be glad to send STAMPS on approval to any address on receipt of satisfactory references.
 Is also prepared to purchase used POSTAGE STAMPS in Large or Small Quantities for Cash.
 AGENTS WANTED.
 15 to 25 per cent. Discount Allowed. [1336]

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FAMOUS PRESENT-DAY CRICKETERS.

BY W. J. FORD.

R. E. FOSTER.

Very few men, even cricketers, have even heard of R. E. Foster: all the world, except perhaps a few pro-Boers, is familiar with "Tip" Foster. Yet "Tip" Foster and R. E. Foster are one and the same person: if you happen to have bowled to him, or to have fielded out to him, you will, probably recognise him next time you meet him, for he has a way of making his mark. When first he "came out," men said "Is this another of the Malvern Fosters?" and were told that he would probably be the Malvern Foster. This was about the truth, without saying anything derogatory as to the splendid powers and performances of his elder brothers; W. L. and H. K. But it took three years to put him ahead—if he really is ahead—of his seniors, though in 1900 he undoubtedly eclipsed them. To make the record score, 171, in the "Universities" match was something; also to make a double century against Webb's side at Oxford; but to make a double century against the Players, and at Lord's, is a feat to be proud of, and one that will take some quelling, to say nothing of some beating. This, by the way, was his third double-century performance, as in 1899 both he and W. L. pulled off the double event in the same match, Hunts being the sufferers. As to his methods, we may quote the words of a critic who watched his play in the "Varsity" match. "Ours well, off-drives well; defends well; no strokes on the leg-side, however." Ten minutes later "Tip" had completed his century and began to "hook" and "pull" with the best. "By Jove," quoth Critics, "he's better on the on-side than Ranjiv, and I never knew it!" That was "Tip" all over: he has all strokes and a few more, but he keeps a few up his sleeve, or at any rate forgets to use them till the emergency comes, or he feels in the mood. His wrist play on the leg side is second only to Ranjiv's, and is not far behind him either; while his off-play—well, most men are pretty sound and severe, but none severer or sounder than R. E., except perhaps his brother, H. K., for whose hitting I, personally, have a desperate admiration. "Tip" is not a great bowler, but he is a great fielder, especially at short slip, where he snags up all sorts of unconsidered trifles as readily as a greedy trout gulps down a May-fly. He can play racket-shots a little, and is an International at football. Further, he is young; further, he has steadily improved at cricket ever since he went to Oxford, for it was only last year that he became startlingly great. In ten years' time there may be a great deal to write about R. E. Foster, and we hope we may be alive to see what he does, and to write about it thereafter. To few men, however, has it been given, not even to F. S. Jackson himself, to take leave of his University career amid such a blaze of triumph. As the editor of *Widen's Almanac* says: "The Oxford Captain in the course of a twelvemonth improved out of knowledge, and in July would have there been occasion to put a representative team into the field against Australia, have secured his place with acclamation." This is perfectly true, and it is with such credentials as these that the famous Malvern starts his career as captain of the Worcestershire side, vice his brother H. K. resigned. Though he fell off as the season of 1900 wore on, it is impossible to believe that his great feats were a mere flash in the pan. He is too great an athlete to be the hero of a day. Consolidation of strength will be all in his favour; in nerve and experience he is in no way lacking; his skill has spoken for itself in no uncertain tone. I hope and expect to see—perhaps my hopes and expectations are by way of being gratified even before these words are in print—that the R. E. Foster of to-day is an even greater cricketer than he of yesterday.

G. MACGREGOR.

One hopes one is not perpetrating "another injustice to" Scotland, when I say that the loud o' cokes has not, as a rule, been the hand of great cricketers: not that I do not remember that Alec Watson was born over the border, as was J. S. Carrick, whose score of 419, made at Chichester, long stood as the record. L. M. Balfour was as good a cricketer as he was, or is, a golfer. J. M. Cotterill, though he learned his cricket in England, was, I believe, a Scotsman by birth; while Oxford University has been singularly rich in Scotch recruits, as witness the names of M. R. Jardine, J. G. Walker, N. MacLachlan, T. W. Lang and A. Grant-Asher. We, however, recall no member of the famous clan "Mac" who made his mark at Cambridge save the subject of this sketch, Gregor MacGregor, of Uppingham School and Jesus College, born in Edinburgh, captain of Cambridge and of Middlesex county. "Mac," as all his friends—he has no enemies—call him, was not a wicket-keeper at Uppingham, but a particularly good batsman, as indeed he is at present, but few wicket-keepers with bruised hands and sorely-tweaked fingers can keep their batting up to the highest pitch. Indeed it is somewhat remarkable that at one time England possessed three such men as Storer, Lilly, and MacGregor, whose batting alone qualified them for any county side, while as wicket-keepers it was hard to decide which was the fittest to represent England against Australia. However, in 1890 "Mac" got the vote for all three Test Matches, though latterly his rivals have, as batsmen at least, got ahead of the Scot. The beauty of "Mac's" keeping is its quietness; he never seems to be keeping wicket at all, or at least you would hardly notice anything further than that when the batsman misses the ball no one is running after it, but that it is being returned to the bowler with a rather peculiar overhead flip.

Now and then some one will say, "How's that?" The answer will be "Ours," and there will be a short interval. As a catcher "Mac" is unrivalled. I remember a Gentleman v. Players match when Kortright was bowling his fastest on a very fast wicket. "Mac" did what few wicket-keepers venture to do, except occasionally to "silly" wicket-keepers for a few moments' rest. Twice, on returning to his old position, he caught his man, close up to the stumps. Some people have said that "Mac" cannot stump, though he is a good catcher. Probably these people cannot follow the rapidity of his movements. Other people say that he is decadent, "going off," because he lets more byes than of yore. To these we only say, "Try yourself and see if you can stop Albert Trotter's fast yorker if it misses the leg-stump." The byes that "Mac" lets are all "fourers," and are all off that very fast ball that keeps low. A good many people, we prophesy, will be caught or stamped before "Mac" retires. His highest score—he has only made a century twice—in 141, v. Sussex at Lord's, in 1897; his next, 131 against the same county, in 1890, but he is a good stayer, and drives very well; his fate, however, is to go in about seventh, when there is often a rot to stop. His absolutely best performance was probably his 75, made against Surrey in 1899, when E. J. G. Ford was hitting about. It is true, but matters were very critical for Middlesex. "Mac's" innings then was superb; he defended while runs were coming at the other end, and then let himself go, and had his own fun. He first played for Cambridge in 1888, keeping wicket for four years, and being captain in 1891. A very good captain, too, is he; not obtrusive, possibly not brilliant, but in every way sound and sensible. He could play football more than a little, and was a special "chum" of Sammy Woods. A. E. Stoddard and he are bosom friends, and share quarters in Hampstead.

Robert Abel has been a very promising batsman for many years, and promises to be a promising batsman for a good many more. At least he got twelve centuries in 1900, and has been before the public for about twenty years. He is not imposing to look at, though he is measurably taller than his bat; nor, say the critics, does he play with his bat straight. Unluckily, as the ball is generally in the middle of his bat, just at the psychological spot and psychological moment, the perpendicularity of the implement does not affect matters. His chief fault as a batsman is a habit of giving a catch to slip soon after he goes in. He will, if pressed, admit this himself, and he will add with a chuckle, that slip generally misses it. Then slip—and other people—may wait a long time for the next opportunity. Abel has, being a Surrey man, played frequently at the Oval; some say that he has his own pet name for every blade of grass that may or may not be true, but he can certainly point out—when he has been bowled out—the exact blade or daisy that caused his ruin. Abel is not a dashing player, yet the runs come at a good pace; he has no particular strokes, but makes up for the deficiency by having all strokes. His driving is not exciting—a mere pat and that is all; but the pat is the pat of a tiger cub, and sends the ball to the pavilion. On the Oval he is supreme, however fast the bowling is: he does not like Lord's, however, where the fast bowlers are erratic. He probably is safer than he thinks for the fastest balls are sure to clear his head, but what batsman of his inches would care to take the risks that imperil certainly his livelihood, possibly his life, when the baked clay of Lord's is at its crustiest? Abel is not a great bowler, and at the nets is smackable: in a match he often gets a wicket, generally with "the rottenest ball ever bowled," that at least is the defeated batsman's version. He is also said to be a "rotten field" at short slip; he certainly has the qualification of being short, and hence reaches fewer catches than Tannidiffe, but what he reaches he holds. He certainly finished up an England-Australia match (in 1896, was it?) with one of the neatest and best. He is known indiscriminately as "Bobby" and "The Guv'nor," the latter name being a delicate allusion, we believe, to the number of his family, and the depth of his parental affection. "Bobby" is a great cricketer, and we haven't nearly seen the last of him, we hope.

Abel's absolutely highest score is 337, not out, made against Somersetshire in 1899, when only the failure of his comrades prevented him, apparently, from getting to 500, but a fall list of his long scores, if given in detail, would cover many square inches of paper, though the value of his batting does not lie so much in his "centuries," as in his consistency. Imperturbable in the extreme, he seldom gives away his wicket. Some people call him a slow bat; he is, by the side of Jessop; nor, when the bowling is fine, does he play the game of suicide; but when Abel scores slowly you may be sure that the bowling is good; when it isn't the bad balls are flying all over the place, especially on the off-side. Like other people he has his weakness: his one-time weakness was an inability to tackle the bowling of Hampshire; he got, we believe, three consecutive duck-eggs, two in one match, against that county; his fourth innings, however, produced something huge, how large we forget; it was certainly something like 200 runs, if not more. He scored three figures last year against no less than nine different counties, against Sussex twice. Against the Gentlemen he has twice performed the feat at the Oval, and once at Hastings; at Lord's, which ground he loves, he has never given them this treat. But he may do so yet. He scored over 90, however, against the Australians there, but never seemed happy. No wonder; Jones was bowling his fastest—"throwing," some said—and had Abel been taller, he might not be here now.

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